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An Abſtract of the Act of Parliament made in the Eighth Year of Her Majeſty's Reign, Entituled, An Act for laying certain Duties upon Candles, and certain Rates upon Monies to be given with Clerks and Apprentices, towards raiſing Her Majeſty's Supply for the Year 1710. [that is, ſo much thereof as relates to the ſaid Rates upon Monies to be given with Clerks and Apprentices.]

THat 6 d. per Pound for a Sum of 50 l. or under, and 12 d. per Pound for what exceeds that Sum, be paid to Her Majeſty for all Monies which (during five Years after the firſt of May, 1710.) ſhall be given or agreed for with any Clerk or Apprentice put out to learn any Imployment: Payable by the Maſter.

Theſe Duties to be managed by the Commiſſioners of Her Majeſty's Stamp Duties, and paid to the Receiver-General of that Revenue, who is to keep a diſtinct Account, and pay them weekly into the Exchequer. The full Sum given or contracted for to be incerted in Words at length, in ſome Indenture or Writing, which ſhall contain the Covenants concerning the Service, and bear Date the Day of Signing, &c. or in Default the Maſter to forfeit double what he receives or agrees for, one Moiety to Her Majeſty, the other with full Coſts to any Perſon ſuing for the ſame any time before the end of one Year after the Expiration of the Apprentice's Time.

Two new Stamps to be provided for the Indentures, &c. (beſides thoſe before requiſite) one to denote the new Duty of 6 d. the other that of 12 d. in the Pound.

All Indentures, &c. made within the Weekly Bills of Mortality to be brought and ſtampt at the Stamp Office, the Duties being there firſt paid, within one Month after the Dates.

All ſuch Indentures, &c. made out of thoſe Limits, ſhall (at the Option of the Parties concerned) be ſent within two Months after made, either to the head Stamp-Office, or to ſome of the Stamp Collectors reſident (out of thoſe Limits) in England, Wales, or Berwick, or to ſome of the Officers to be appointed for theſe Duties in Scotland.

The Duties to be paid to ſuch Collector or Officer, upon producing of the Indenture to him; or if produced at the chief Office, then to the Receiver General there.

If the Duty be paid to the Receiver General, the Indenture, &c. to be thereupon forthwith ſtampt. If to the Collector, then he is to give a Receipt for it (dated the Day of Payment, and expreſſing the Sum in Words at length) indorſed on the Indenture, &c. which he is thereupon to deliver back to the Bringer.

Every Indenture, &c. being produced ſo Indorſed at the Head Office to be immediately ſtampt with the proper new Stamp, which is to be done within three Months, if the Indenture, &c. be made within fifty Miles of the Bills of Mortality Limits, and within ſix Months, if made at a greater diſtance.

All ſuch Indentures, &c. wherein the full Sum received or agreed for is not incerted, or which are not ſtampt, and the Duties duly paid within the ſaid reſpective limited Times, to be void; and the Clerk or Apprentice incapable of Exerciſing the intended Imployment, or to be free of any Corporation or Company.

Theſe Duties are not to extend to Apprentices put out at a Pariſh Charge, or by Publick Charity.

To Counterfeit the new Stamp, or any Receipt for the Duty, or to uſe any Counterfeit Stamp, is Felony without Benefit of Clergy.

Commiſſioners and Officers to take the Oath for their due Demeanor (preſcribed in the Act) which two Commiſſioners or any Juſtice of the Peace may adminiſter.

No Indenture, &c. is to be given in Evidence for any Party thereto, unleſs he firſt make Oath that the Sum therein incerted was all that was given or contracted for with the Apprentice.

Commiſſioners and Officers are to obſerve the Orders of the Lord-Treaſurer, &c. and to take no Fees.

An Officer for any refuſal or neglect of his Duty, is to anſwer Damages with treble Coſt to the Party aggrieved.

Where any thing (not being lawful Mony) ſhall be in any wiſe tranſferred, ſecured, agreed for, or given with an Apprentice, &c. the Duties ſhall be paid for the value of ſuch Thing, under the like Penalties and Incapacities as if it had been Mony.

An Abridgement of an Act for the Encouragement of Learning, by veſting the Copies of Printed Books in the Authors or Purchaſers of ſuch Copies, during the times therein mentioned.

WHereas Printers, Bookſellers, and other Perſons have of late printed and publiſhed ſeveral Books without the Conſent of the Authors or Proprietors of them; to prevent ſuch Practices for the future, and for the Encouragement of Learned Men, it is Enacted, That from the 10th of April 1710, the Author of any Book already printed, who hath not transferred to any other the Copy thereof, or the Bookſeller, or Printer, or other Perſon, who have purchaſed the Copy of any Book, in order to Print or Re-print the ſame, ſhall have the ſole Right of Printing ſuch Book for the Term of twenty one Years; and that the Author of any Book already compoſed, and not printed and publiſhed, or that ſhall hereafter be compoſed, and his Aſſigns, ſhall have the ſole Liberty of Printing and Re-printing ſuch Book for the Term of fourteen Years, to commence from the Day of the firſt Publiſhing the ſame; and that if any other Bookſeller or Printer from and after the 10th of April 1710, within the Terms granted and limited by this Act, ſhall Print, Re-print or Import ſuch Book, without the Conſent of the Proprietor thereof firſt had and obtained in writing, or knowing the ſame to be ſo printed or re-printed, without the Conſent of the Proprietor, ſhall ſell, publiſh, or expoſe to Sale any ſuch Book, without ſuch Conſent firſt obtained, then ſuch Offender ſhall forfeit ſuch Book, and every Sheet thereof to the Proprietor of the Copy, who ſhall damask and make waſte Paper of them; and further that every ſuch Offender ſhall forfeit one Penny for every Sheet which ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, the one Moiety thereof to her Majeſty, and the other to any Perſon that ſhall ſue for the ſame,

And whereas many Perſons may through Ignorance offend againſt this Act, and in order that the Property in every ſuch Book may be aſcertained and known, it is further Enacted, That nothing herein ſhall be conſtrued to extend to ſubject any Bookſeller, Printer, or other Perſon to the Forfeitures or Penalties therein mentioned, unleſs the Title to the Copy of ſuch Book hereafter publiſhed ſhall before the Publication be entered in the Regiſter-Book of the Company of Stationers, and unleſs ſuch Conſent of the Proprietor be in the like manner entered, for every of which Entries ſix Pence ſhall be paid; which ſaid Regiſter-Book ſhall at all times be kept in the Hall of the ſaid Company, and may at all ſeaſonable times be inſpected by any Bookſeller, Printer, or other Perſon, without any Fee or Reward; and the Clerk of the ſaid Company ſhall, when thereunto required, give a Certificate under his Hand of ſuch Entry, and for every ſuch Certificate ſhall take only ſix Pence.

Provided nevertheleſs, That if the ſaid Clerk ſhall refuſe or neglect to Regiſter ſuch Entry, or to give ſuch Certificate, being thereunto required by the Author, or Proprietor of ſuch Copy, in the preſence of two or more credible Witneſſes, that then ſuch Perſons ſo refuſed, Notice being firſt duly given of ſuch Refuſal by an Advertiſement in the Gazette, ſhall have the like Benefit, as if ſuch Entry and Certificate had been duly made and given; and that the ſaid Clerk ſhall, for any ſuch Offence, forfeit to the Proprietor of ſuch Copy the Sum of twenty Pounds, to be recovered in any of her Majeſty's Courts of Record at Weſtminſter.

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